

FEVER HEAT AT ST. JOHN'S.

Ministry To Send Fiona and Neptune to Treaty Coast.

WILL FIGHT MODUS VIVENDI.

To Withdraw All Concessions and Rigidly Enforce Local Laws.

St. John's, N. F., continues at white heat over the modus vivendi, and if all reports are true, Premier Bond and his ministry have decided to make it as uncomfortable for American fishing vessels as they possibly can. After all, perhaps there will be plenty of work on the treaty coast for Mr. Alexander and the Potomac, as from the tenor of the St. John's despatches, it seems reasonable to suppose that no opportunity will be lost to harass American herring catchers.

The following despatches show the feeling at St. John's and London regarding the terms.

St. Johns, Oct. 10.—The statements contained in a Washington dispatch to the effect that Newfoundland merchant fishermen controlled the government, had tried to prevent the Americans securing treaty rights, and had hampered the British government in assuring such rights to Americans, is denied in official circles.

On the contrary, officials declare that the British government strongly upheld every contention advanced by Newfoundland until a few weeks ago, when it suddenly abandoned the colony and surrendered to the Americans. In support of this the officials cite Congressman Gardner's letter to the Gloucester Board of Trade of July 7, 1906, wherein Gardner, speaking as the mouthpiece of the state department, said:

"The state department believes that Newfoundland has the right to prohibit its own citizens from engaging our crews unless they are inhabitants of the United States. Our rights to secure such crews by advertisement in Newfoundland newspapers would undoubtedly be contested by Great Britain."

Mr. Gardner was then warning American skippers to refrain from shipping men in British waters, Newfoundland having previously passed an act forbidding her men to go outside the three-mile limit to join American vessels. The modus vivendi now nullifies that law, it is argued, and grants Americans the right to ship men outside the limit, which proves that the British government has surrendered.

The colonial ministry has decided not to resign office and it intends to fight the matter to the bitter end. It will suspend the regulations prohibiting the local use of purse seines, thereby putting the colonies upon an equality with the American fishermen. It will dispatch the cruisers Fiona and Neptune to patrol the herring areas. All existing colonial laws will be rigidly en-

forced against the Americans and for the least offense American vessels will be confiscated instead of fined, as formerly. Every concession hitherto granted the Americans will be withdrawn. Local people will be encouraged to occupy the waters and drift other nets before the Americans arrive, thereby preventing the latter from enjoying the expected benefits of this arrangement.

The government has received assurances from leading clergymen of various creeds of their readiness to join Archbishop Howley in a public platform protest against the modus vivendi.

Boston.

Sch. Lear C., 4000 pollock.
Sch. George F. Lane, Jr., 14,000 cod.
Sch. Juno, 14,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mettacommet, 2000 haddock, 2200 pollock.
Sch. William A. Morse, 5000 haddock, 1900 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Metamora, 40,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Fame, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 hake, 9000 cusk.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.
Haddock \$3 to \$5 per cwt., large cod \$5 to \$6, market cod \$2 to \$3, hake \$1.25 to \$2.50, pollock \$2.75.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. James W. Parker, Cape Shore, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1500 lbs. halibut.
Sch. James S. Steele, Cashes, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. James A. Garfield, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Emma W. Brown, shore, 1800 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Patriot, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Valentinna, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.
Sch. Lonisa Polleys, shore.
Sch. Cosmos, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Spilting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.65; hake, \$1.30; pollock, 65 cts.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.50.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$2.62 1-2 for medium.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25 medium do., \$3.25.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Flitched halibut 7 1-2 cts. lb.

Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$28.00 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$16.00 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 8 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$2.80 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Dressed shore pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.

Salt dory headline cod, \$3.90 per cwt. for large; \$2.90 for mediums.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl.

Rimmed medium mackerel, \$30 per bbl.

Rimmed small mackerel, \$16.50 per bbl.

Gulf Stream Out of Its Course.

The British steamship Koranna of the American Indian line, which arrived at Boston yesterday from Calcutta and Colombo, had a strange experience with the gulf stream, having been carried considerably out of her course by the great swiftness of the current. Capt. Renwick's daily reckoning showed that the gulf stream was undoubtedly running from two to three knots an hour. It was in latitude 42 degrees north and longitude 60 degrees west that his charts did not give the gulf stream running as far north by several degrees. For 24 hours the steamship was in this current. It is believed that the low of the gulf stream so far north and with such swiftness was caused by the numerous hurricanes in the West Indies.

Stealing Sea Water.

A very curious case has occurred at Paris Plage, near Boulogne-sur-Mer. A woman who drew two buckets of water from the sea in order to give her children a warm sea water bath, as ordered by the doctor, was threatened with a fine for doing so by two passing customs officers. She was obliged to write on a sheet of paper what she wanted the water for and obtain permission from the authorities before she was allowed to take water from the sea. It appears that in the reign of Louis XIV. a decree was passed forbidding people to take sea water without special permission lest they should extract the salt from it and so defraud the revenue.—London Mail.

TALK OF "BETRAYAL."

St. Johns, Oct. 11.—Popular agitation continues against the modus vivendi giving American fishermen privileges denied by the Newfoundland laws, the press denouncing what it terms the government's betrayal of the colony's interests. Archbishop Howley urges the immediate calling of meetings throughout the colony to protest against the measure.

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QUICK WORK.

Sch. Kineo Stocks \$2500 on a 17 Days Halibut Trip.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. John Stream, which arrived yesterday from a very quick Georges halibut trip, having been but seventeen days out from port, stocked \$2500 on the fare, the crew making the splendid share of \$71.30 clear. Capt. Stream is right there when it comes to quick and remunerative trips.

Good Trip.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Horace Wilde, arrived this mornigg with a fine shack trip, 130,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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Sch. Richard Wainwright, Banks, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Dictator, Cape Shore, 130,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mettacommet, via Boston.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
Boats and torchers, yesterday, 75 bbls. fresh herring; today, 150 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Newfoundland, salt herring.
Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Newfoundland salt herring.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, pollock.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, haddock.
Sch. Dauntless, Newfoundland salt herring.

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Sch. Frances P. Mosquitá, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Buema, 22,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Flavilla, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Stone, 500 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 27,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Alcina, 5000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Yakima, 24,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. James R. Clark, 1500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50.

Mackerel Notes.

A few mackerel are being taken at Canso, N. S.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. David Sherman has secured a load of salt herring at Provincetown.
Sch. Margie Smith will sail for Ipswich river today for a fare of salt herring.
Sch. Agnes was at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., on Monday.
Sch. Lelia E. Norwood, formerly of this port, was at Halifax, N. S., on Monday.

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BAY OF ISLANDS NEWS.

Waiting Herring Strike at Wood Island.

British Crutser Brilliant Expected There Middle of Month.

A letter received in this city from Bay of Islands, N. F., dated Saturday, says that there is one American herring vessel anchored at Wood Island and also that the U. S. government tug Potomac was at Birchy Cove. Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, was at some port in Bay of St. George on the same date. Beside these craft several American herring vessels were cruising in the vicinity of Port Saunders, but no word had been received as to the success of their operations.

The weather has been pleasant and is not favorable for sending herring into the bay and very few have been seen there as yet. Little or no excitement is noticed among the native fishermen, thus far.

Capt. Joseph V. Bonia arrived at Bay of Islands a week ago and is sanguine of a successful season. Nothing yet has occurred to cause any friction. The local authorities seem to entertain the same ideas as they did last season regarding American rights on the treaty coast.

The fishermen and those directly or indirectly interested in the fisheries do not seem to be in accord with the government and denounce it in bitter terms. It is understood at Bay of Islands that the British cruiser Brilliant is expected there about October 15.

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Bank Cod

The fare of sch. Valkyrie sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. at \$4 per hundred weight for large and \$3 for medium.

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The Boston Record, **GOOD, SOUND, COMMON SENSE ADVICE.** which of late, has been noticeably active in its editorial column in taking sides with

the fishing interest in the Newfoundland treaty coast herring dispute and also has taken pains to say some good words for Congressman Gardner and his great and successful work in securing the recent modus vivendi, has the following little note of warning in its editorial pointers on Thursday:

"The safe course for the fishermen is to be sure just what their rights are under the modus vivendi and then scrupulously keep within them. The state department may be trusted to protect them as long as they keep where they belong, but if they do not they must take the consequences."

No better advice could be given and it could be put no briefer or plainer. It is to be hoped that it will be followed closely by the captains and men who are going to the treaty coast of Newfoundland this winter for herring.

It is known that the vessel owners have told their skippers very, very plainly and emphatically that they must be exceedingly careful and do nothing that is not permitted under the modus vivendi, and as far forth as possible, so conduct their fishing that there may be no friction with the native fishermen.

The Board of Trade has pledged itself for the whole fleet, to as far as lays in its power prevent American vessels from Sunday fishing, and it is hoped that no craft will be heard from fishing on the Sabbath.

The season will be a crucial one for the American fishing interests on the treaty coast of Newfoundland, and on how owners, skippers and crews conduct themselves will depend in a great measure our prospects of a final and to us satisfactory final settlement of the whole matter before next season.

All should do their utmost to observe strictly the modus vivendi, abstain and make others abstain from Sunday fishing, and in every way possible avoid friction.

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BIG HERRING DAY.

Torchers Landed 650 Barrels at T Wharf Yesterday.

Yesterday was the highliner of all seasons at T wharf in the matter of torched herring receipts. Long before daylight, the dories and boats began to shoot into the wharf and when the bell rang there was 650 barrels of fine sized fish on hand, most of which sold for bait, the remainder going to the freezer.

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Big Stock.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$2672.87 as the result of her recent shack trip, the crew making the fine share of \$62.40. This is one of the best stocks and shares of the season.